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Date March 18, 2004

In re application of:

Akhiro DENDA, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2182

Serial No.: 10/054,979

Examiner: Harold J. Kim

Filed: January 25, 2002

Docket No.: 107156-00093

For: SWITCHOVER DEVICE AND INFORMATION  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS  
HAVING THE SWITCHOVER DEVICE

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LETTER IN RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dated: March 18, 2004

Sir:

With respect to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121)" ("Notice") mailed March 15, 2004 in the above-captioned patent application, it is believed that the substitute Abstract of the invention was properly submitted in the Amendment filed March 10, 2004 ("Amendment") for this application and fully complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003. See attached *Changes to Implement Electronic Maintenance of Official Patent Application Records*, 68 Fed. Reg. 38,611, 38,616 (Jun. 30, 2003).

However, in order to comply with the Notice received from the Office, we accordingly attach with this letter a marked-up version of the Abstract showing all changes to the originally

filed Abstract for the application and submit that the clean version of the Abstract filed with the Amendment corresponds to this marked-up version.

No extension of time is believed to be required based upon the filing of this Letter prior to the one-month deadline for responding to this Notice (i.e., April 15, 2004). However, authorization is granted to charge undersigned counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing **Attorney Docket No. 107156-00093**, for any additional fees necessary for entry of this Letter.

If further clarification concerning this Letter or the marked-up Abstract is needed, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact undersigned counsel for the Applicants at the telephone number indicated below.

Dated: March 18, 2004

Respectfully submitted,



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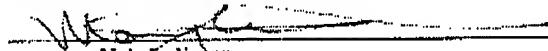
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## Comments:

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